

THE GRIEVOUS EVIL OF CAUSING BELIEVERS TO “STUMBLE”
(Matthew 18:5-9)

I. The _____ (Matt. 18:5-6)

A. The believer is _____ Christ (18:5)

1. The _____ represents any _____

2. The _____ must be received as _____

3. To _____ the believer is to _____ Christ

B. The believer is _____ Christ (18:6)

1. The _____ is to _____

2. The implied _____ is _____

II. The _____ (Matt. 18:7-9)

A. The _____ will face God’s _____ (18:7)

1. The _____ in _____ (v. 7a)

2. The _____ in _____ (v. 7b)

a. _____ others to sin

b. _____ others to sin

c. _____ sin by _____

B. The _____ must address _____
(18:8-9a; cf. 5:29-30)

1. Taken literally, calls for self-_____ to
_____ temptation

a. _____ an offending _____ or

b. _____ an offending _____

2. Taken figuratively, calls for dramatic _____ of
_____ impulses

C. The _____ is “the _____” (18:9b)

1. The destiny of the _____ at large and the _____

a. Primarily for _____

b. Secondly for creating _____ to _____
and _____ to _____

2. The destiny of the _____ believer who
_____ his _____

a. In general, _____ whatever causes your
own _____

b. In particular, the _____ of denying God’s
_____ (cf. 18:10)